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IRAN-IRAQ: Iraqi Determination

*Iraq apparently has decided to fight to hold Khorramshahr regardless of the casualties.* [redacted]

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Iran, meanwhile, is continuing to assess the consequences of an invasion. Prime Minister Musavi said over the weekend that Iran could not exclude the possibility of entering Iraqi territory. Yesterday he made the fall of the Ba'thist regime in Baghdad a precondition for peace. [redacted]

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Moderate Arab states are continuing to consult on ways to assist Iraq. [redacted]

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[redacted] Hussein has been looking for ways to involve the Egyptians, but Egypt's Defense Minister yesterday publicly ruled out sending Egyptian forces to Iraq. [redacted]

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Comment: The Iranians are likely to try to isolate Iraqi units defending Khorramshahr. They will be operating on a narrow front, however, and the fighting could easily spill onto Iraqi territory. Iran also may launch diversionary attacks near Qasr-e Shirin once it discovers Iraq is drawing down forces there. [redacted]

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The Egyptian announcement apparently forecloses a joint Arab military effort to aid the Iraqis. Any other actions the moderate Arabs might take are likely to have little impact on the war or developments in Baghdad. [redacted]

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ISRAEL-SYRIA-LEBANON: Tension Reduced Temporarily

[redacted]  
[redacted] On Sunday Israeli aircraft  
overflowed Beirut and staged mock air attacks, drawing  
heavy fire from Palestinian antiaircraft positions. [redacted]

[redacted] Syrian tanks  
had withdrawn north of the "red line" designated by  
Israel in the southern Bekaa Valley. [redacted]

Comment:

[redacted] there appears to have been some relaxa-  
tion of tension in Israel following the cabinet meeting  
on Sunday. The Israeli press is suggesting that the  
likelihood of an imminent massive strike against the PLO  
in Lebanon has receded but that ultimately the Palestin-  
ians will violate the cease-fire again and the Israelis  
will respond again. [redacted]

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